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**BOARD REVISES OPINION CONCERNING
REFERRALS BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS & PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS**

KRS 327.010 (1) Defines the practice of Physical Therapy. Within the definition is a list of professions whose licensees may refer a patient to the physical therapist. Previously, because the Nurse Practitioner and Physician's Assistant were not listed, the Board was of the opinion that the Physical Therapist could not accept a patient referral from these individuals, even though the patient has direct access (self referral) to the Physical Therapist in Kentucky. At its meeting on March 27, 1998, the Board stated that, as the nurse practitioner and physician's assistant are "physician extenders", that it would be appropriate for them to be a patient referral agent.